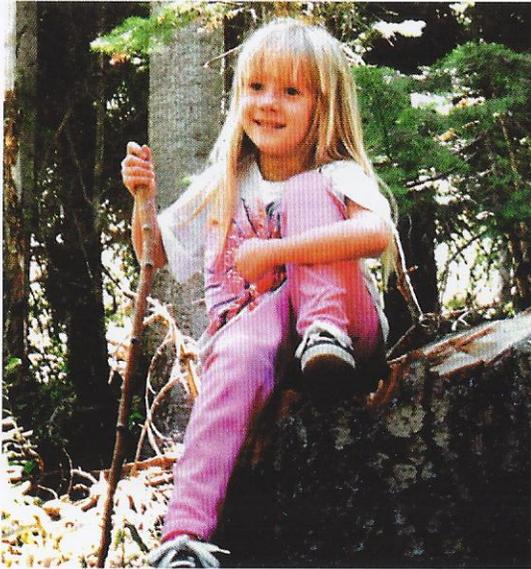


Join Us

Our season depends on Mother Nature. We usually begin accommodating groups in the second week in June and continue through September.



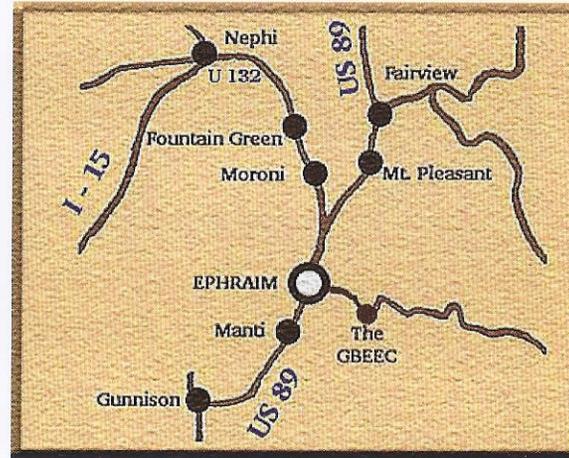
Looking for some great summer activities? Here is a sample of what we have:

- Star Parties
- Workshops for Teachers
- Back Country First Aid Courses
- Photography Workshops
- Archaeology Workshops
- Studies of Pre-historic Utah Cultures
- Camps for Youth Groups
- Field Trips for K-12 Students
- Dutch Oven Cooking Classes
- Eagle Scout Projects
- Mythology and the Night Sky
- Utah Native Plant Workshops
- Ecology and Natural History Studies
- Leadership Conferences
- Boy Scout Day Camps
- Conferences for Professional Societies

Contact us

You can learn more about the Center, find out about our upcoming activities, and register for workshops on our web page.

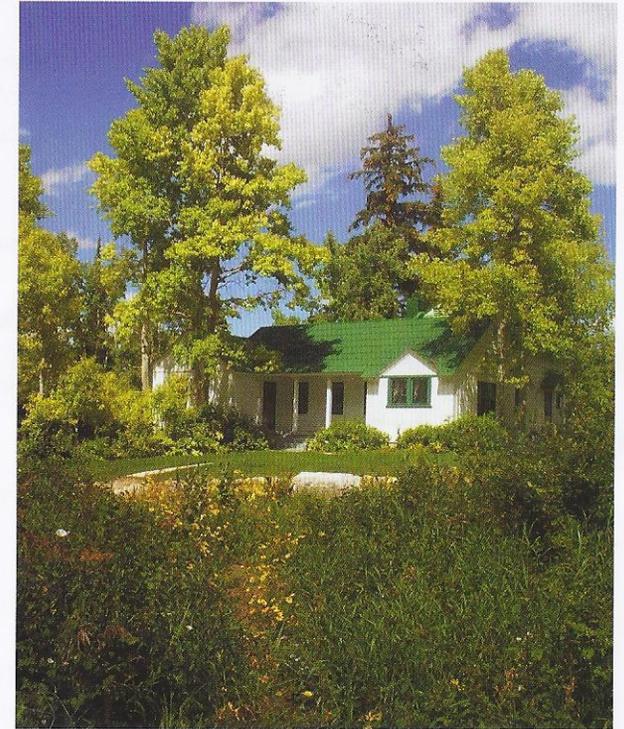
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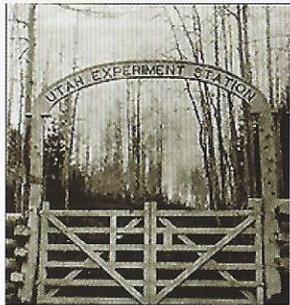


Our History

Utah's Wasatch Plateau is a high range of mountains located in the center of the state. Long ago the Plateau, once the bottom of an inland sea, rose to an elevation of over 10,000 feet and now sits nearly one mile above the floors of the Sanpete and Castle valleys.

When the European settlers discovered the Plateau in the 1850's, it seemed to be an endless source of forage for their livestock and timber for homes and farms. However, within forty years the Plateau became the source of devastating floods which threatened the existence of the communities below.

In 1912, the Forest Service created the Utah Experiment Station in order to find the causes of and a remedy for the floods. The causes of flooding were obvious; the once lush plateau had been devastated by uncontrolled logging and serious overgrazing. Restoring the range would take years of research and hard work.



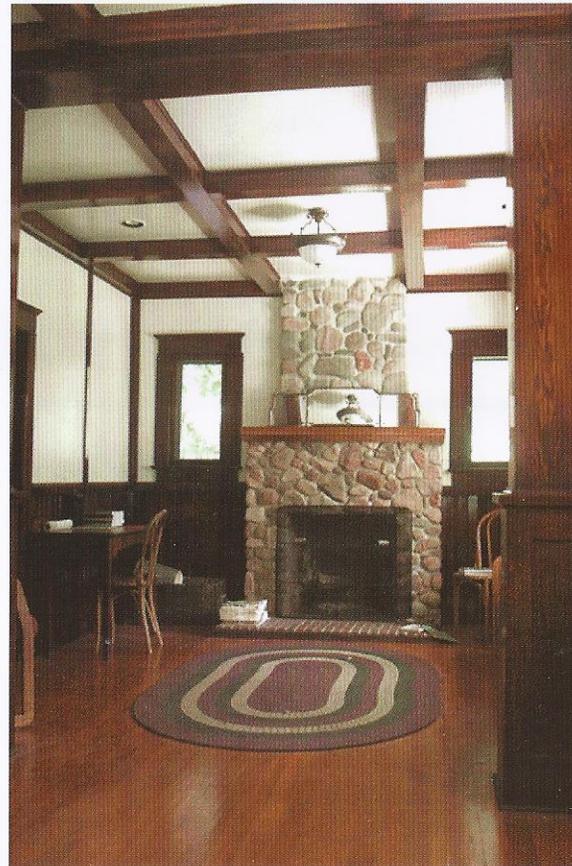
Research continued at the Station until the 1970's when funding was cut. The old buildings sat virtually unused and fell into disrepair. The possibility that they would be demolished became very real.

In 1992 Snow College leased the Station from the Forest Service and began restoring the historic facilities to serve as a place for environmental education. Then in 1993, Snow College's Great Basin Environmental Education Center (GBEEC) was formally dedicated.

Our Purpose

The mission of the GBEEC is twofold:

To restore the historic buildings and preserve the personal histories of those who worked at the old Experiment Station.



The renovated East House

To provide educational experiences to help each of us better understand, appreciate, and enjoy our environment.

The Place

The Great Basin Environmental Education Center lies at the base of a large limestone cirque in an aspen-fir forest. It sits at 8,900 feet on the eastern rim of America's Great Basin. The air is clear, the spring water is pure, the days are warm, and the nights are cool.

Our newly renovated facilities provide:

- Dormitory-style housing for up to forty-two with kitchens, bathrooms, and fireplaces
- A community kitchen with a dining hall and a large attached deck
- A classroom with seating for up to forty people
- A computer lab with high speed internet access
- Laundry facilities
- A small store stocked with things that get left at home along with GBEEC memorabilia
- A large amphitheater with a fire pit
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- A court for volleyball or basketball
- Horseshoe pits
- A gateway to easy hiking trails
- A museum that chronicles the history of the Experiment Station
- A museum displaying some of the original implements used to restore the watershed

